

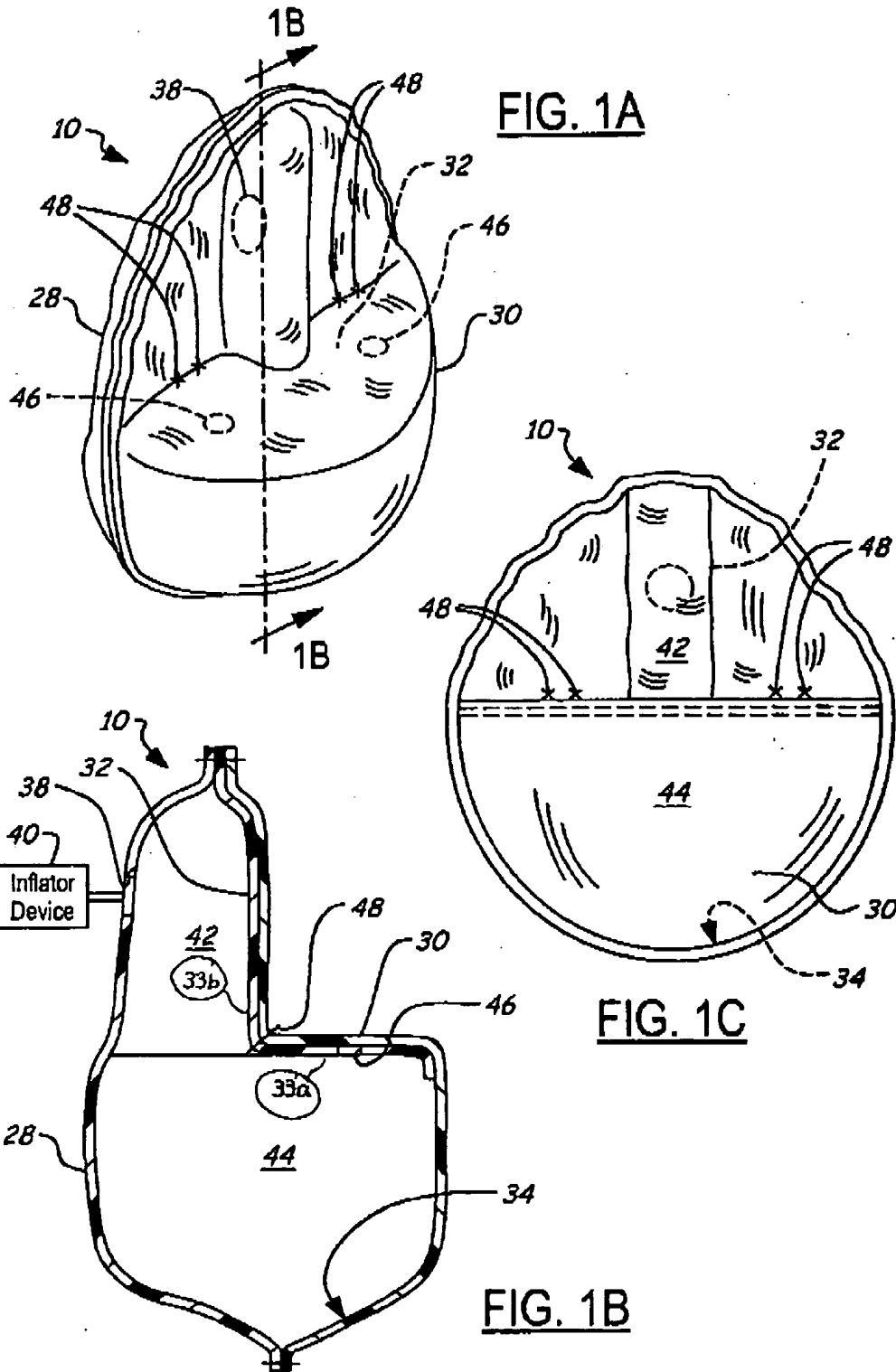
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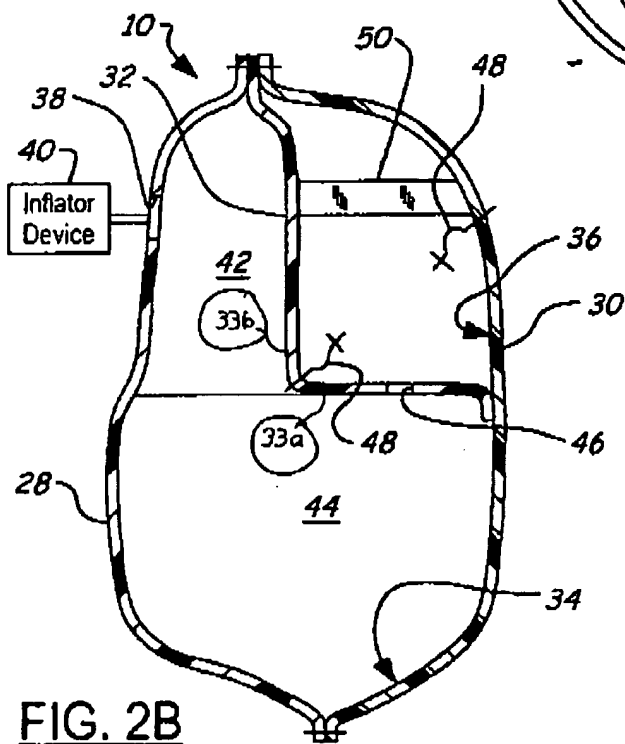
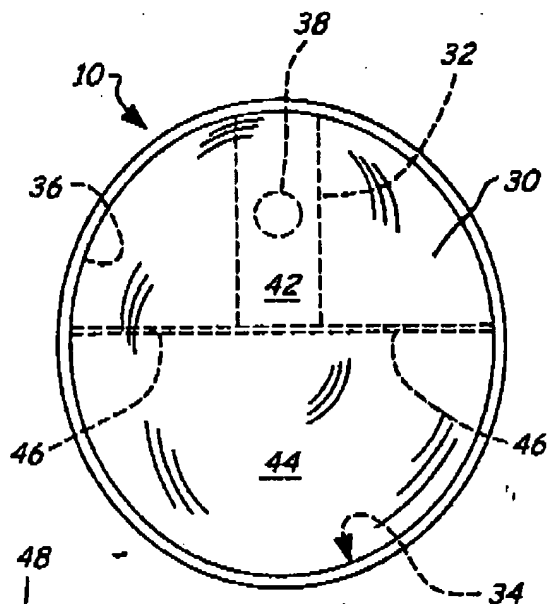
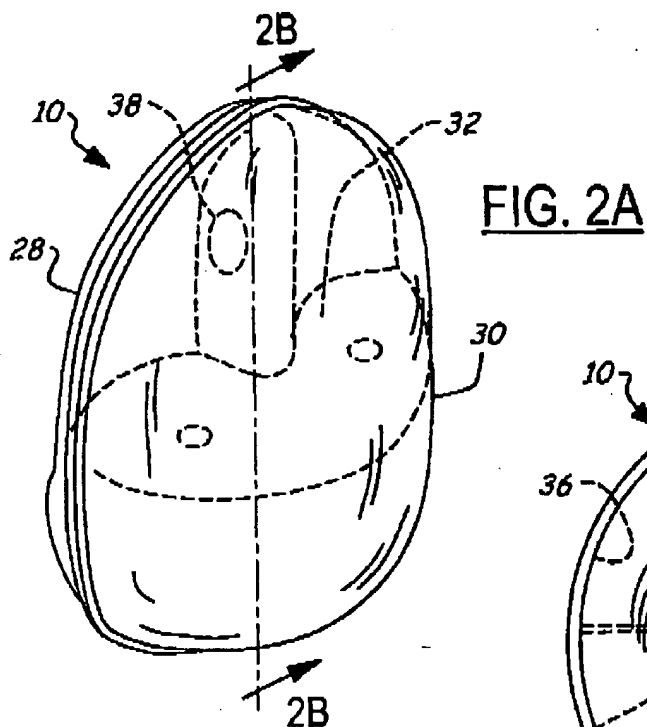
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The six (6) attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figures 1B, 2B, 4 and 5B.
Previously omitted elements 33a and 33b have been added.

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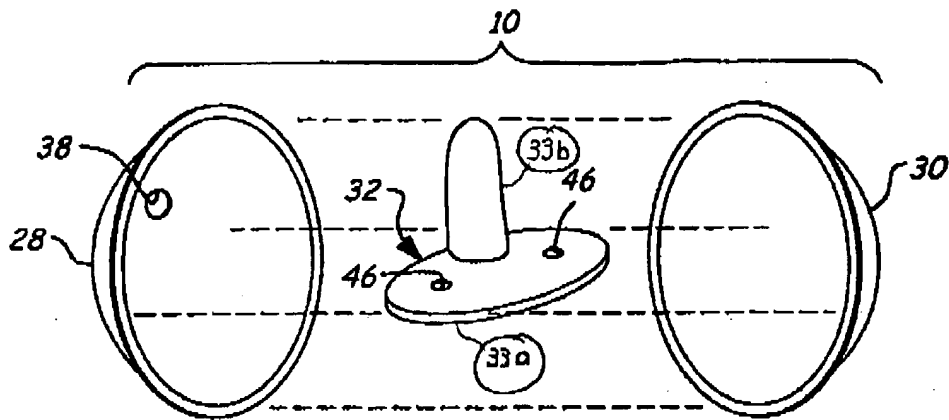


FIG. 4

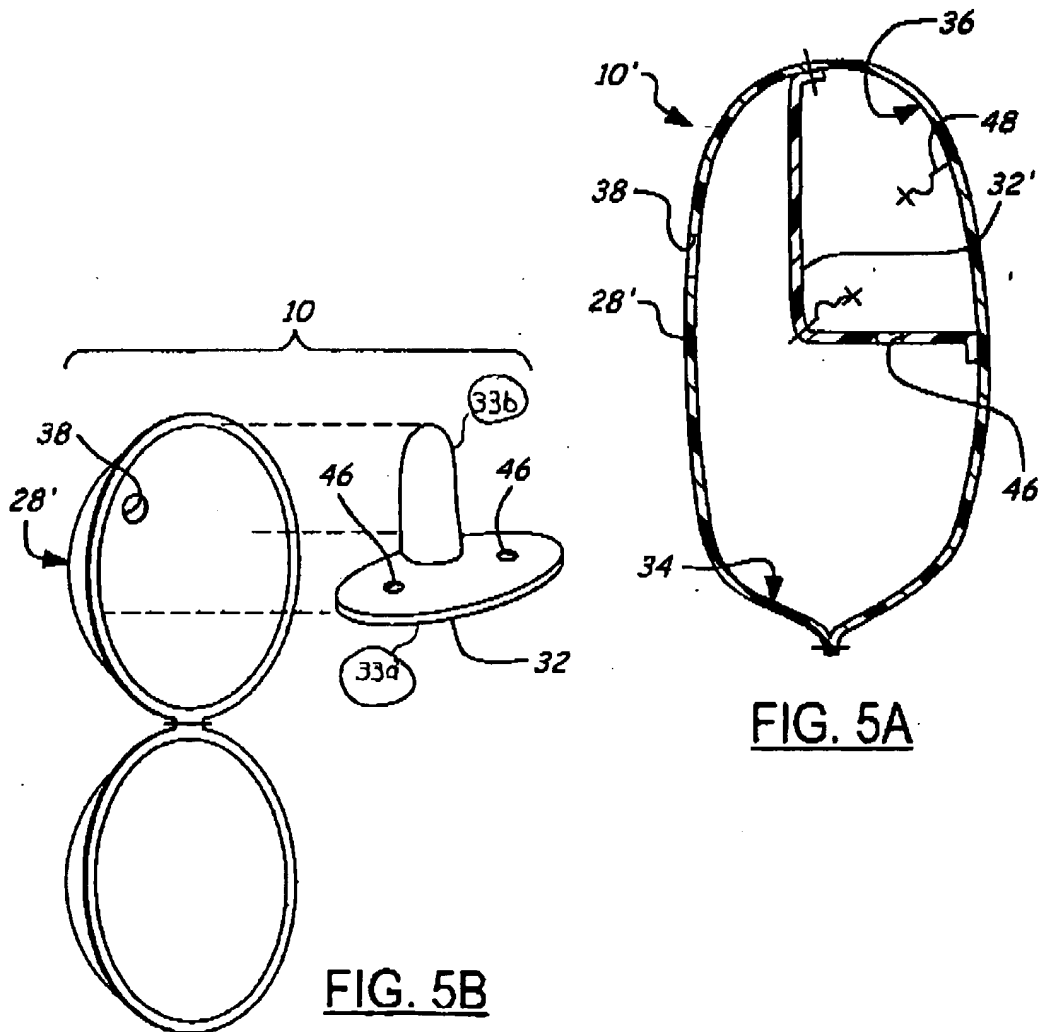


FIG. 5A

FIG. 5B

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REMARKS

In the Official Action, the title, abstract, and specification of the disclosure were objected to because the term "improved" was used to described the airbag. Accordingly, with this Amendment, the term "improved" has been deleted from the entire application.

Also, the Examiner objected to the drawings for not showing the claimed features of one or more baffle vents and permeable fabric panels. With this Amendment, reference characters 33a and 33b for these respective claimed features have been added to Figures 1B, 2B, 4 and 5B and the specification.

In the Action, claims 1, 5-7, 10, and 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by the Yoshida patent (U.S. No. 6,786,505). Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by the Staub patent (U.S. No. 6,059,312). Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 11, and 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as obvious over the Takeda patent (U.S. No. 5,577,765) in view of the Yoshida patent. Claims 4 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as obvious over the Yoshida patent in view of the Hill patent (U.S. No. 5,813,696). Claims 4 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as obvious over the Takeda patent in view of the Yoshida patent and further in view of the Hill patent. Claims 8, 9, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as obvious over the Yoshida patent in view of the Uchida patent (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0113416). Claims 8, 9, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as obvious over the Takeda patent in view of the Yoshida patent and in further view of the Uchida patent.

None of the prior art, whether taken individually or in any permissible combination, discloses or suggests the inventive combination of features forming the subject matter of amended claims 10-20. In particular, none of the cited references discloses the releasable tether for maintaining the secondary chamber in a collapsed configuration until a sufficient threshold pressure causes the releasable tether to detach the panels and allow the secondary chamber to inflate.

Allowance of the subject matter in dependent claims 3 is noted and appreciated. Accordingly, by this Amendment, claim 21 has been added to include the subject matter of claims 1-3. Claims 4-9 depend from claim 21 and are allowable therewith.

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In view of the foregoing, all of the claims remaining in the case, namely claims 4-21, are in proper form and patentably distinguish from the prior art. Accordingly, allowance of the claims and passage of the application to issuance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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